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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5868

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, IO

SUBJECT: MOMBASA SHIP VISITS

1. I FEEL EMBASSY'S RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT REPEAT NOT  
TO DECIDE WHERE OR WHICH USN VESSELS SHOULD VISIT PORTS.  
HOWEVER, OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS CLEARLY TO DECIDE  
WHETHER VISITS SHOULD OCCUR. PARA TEN BELOW DRAWS  
CONCLUSION FROM THIS PREMISE.

2. COMIDEASTFOR (210925Z FEB 74 NOTAL) POINTED OUT  
PROBLEMS IN ARRANGING PORT VISITS IN WESTERN INDIAN  
OCEAN AND POSSIBILITY OF BRONSTEIN AND KITTY HAWK  
JEOPARDIZING MIDEASTFOR FOUR-SHIP TURNOVER.

3. CINCLANT (232050Z FEB 74) AGREED WITH COMIDEASTFOR  
AND STATED HE DOES NOT CONCUR KITTY HAWK/BRONSTEIN  
SHIP VISIT.

4. CINCUSNAVEUR PRESENTED (242100Z FEB 74) PROBLEM AND  
PROPOSED IN PARA FOUR EMBASSY SEEK CONCURRENCE FROM GOK  
FOR BOTH VISITS TOTALLING SIX SHIPS.

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, ON 25 FEB EMBASSY INDICATED  
(NAIROBI 1560) CAUTION IN ESCALATING VISITS IN NUMBER OR  
FREQUENCY BUT ALSO STATED ITS WILLINGNESS REQUEST CLEAR-

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ANCE IN ONE REPEAT ONE NOTE TO GOK FOR FOUR-SHIP TURNOVER

PLUS 20-26 MARCH KITTY HAWK/BRONSTEIN VISIT. HOWEVER,  
EMBASSY REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.

6. ON 1 MARCH EMBASSY NOTED (NAIROBI 1703) FURTHER DELAY  
IN REQUESTING CLEARANCE MIGHT WELL LEAD TO MISIMPRESSION  
BY GOK.

7. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED (281027Z FEB 74 NOTAL) ON  
4 MARCH REQUEST FROM COMIDEASTFOR FOR EMBASSY TO SEEK  
CLEARANCES FOR USS KOELSCH, BRUMBY, PAUL, MULLINIX.

8. EMBASSY HAS SOUGHT NO CLEARANCES AS NOTED 1 MARCH  
(NAIROBI 1703), AWAITING DEPARTMENT'S REPLY.

9. ORIGINAL CINCPACFLT REQUEST FOR KITTY HAWK/BRONSTEIN  
DATED 21 FEB ALLOWED ONE MONTH FOR CLEARANCE. HOWEVER,  
DUE TO NAVY LACK OF COORDINATION AND INDECISION, ONLY  
FIFTEEN DAYS REMAIN PRIOR CONTEMPLATED ARRIVAL KITTY  
HAWK/BRONSTEIN 20 MARCH.

10. I AM FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT ANY FURTHER DELAY  
(ALLOWING LESS THAN TWO WEEKS TO REQUEST CLEARANCE  
FOR KITTY HAWK/BRONSTEIN) MIGHT PRESENT PROBLEM  
BETWEEN USG-GOK. AS POINTED OUT IN NAIROBI 1542 (AND  
WITH THE PUBLICITY BEING GIVEN TO THE INDIAN OCEAN,  
NOTABLY DIEGO GARCIA, LOCALLY ON DAILY BASIS) THE GOK  
AND KENYANS ARE KEENLY AWARE OF SHIP VISITS. WAITING  
UNTIL "LAST MINUTE" MIGHT WELL BE MISUNDERSTOOD OR  
NOT UNDERSTOOD BY GOK. THEY MIGHT WELL ASK "WHY?"  
OUR POLICY GUIDANCE (NAIROBI 1542) CAUTIONED NEED FOR  
LOW-KEY: RUSHED REQUEST FOR SIX-SHIP CLEARANCE IS NOT  
LOW-KEY.

11. HENCE I PLAN ON 6 MARCH TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR  
CLEARANCE FOR FOUR-SHIP TURNOVER ONLY (NOT KITTY HAWK/  
BRONSTEIN) TO GOK AND TO SO ADVISE CINCLANT, CINCUSNAVEUR,  
CINCPAC, AND COMIDEASTFOR OF REASONS FOR SUCH ACTION AS  
SET FORTH IN THIS CABLE.

12. DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE SOUGHT  
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